

1973 Editorial Index

Index of Media Decisions for 1973, arranged by subject and content. Includes feature articles and regular columns. This supplements indexes published in January 1969 (of issues through December 1968), in March of 1970 (of January-December issues in 1969), in February 1971 (of January-December issues in 1970), in March of 1972 (of January-December issues in 1971), and in April of 1973 (of January-December issues in 1972).

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I love people but . . . Tom Garrabrant says "beware." — He points out six of the most difficult ad types he's observed in a career in and out of media. June, p. 62

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Media advice to a brand manager — A special report by Steve Dietz and Ron Erickson of Arthur D. Little. November, p. 55

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What the top 25 agencies do about media training — How full-service agencies are bridging the generation gap in media know how through recruiting and on-the-job training programs. March, p. 54

DeGarmo's four horsemen of media — Senior vp Steve Semons tells how four media planners manage to ride herd on \$22 million in major media billings. March, p. 58

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How to make the other 85% work harder — Erwin Fleischer, vp-media director of Norton-Simon Communications, explains how a leading house agency controls its media operation. November, p. 140

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Media's "we can do it man" — Dale Lang has shown how to make special use of magazine regionals. Now he's adding a new dimension to the daily newspaper page. June, p. 58

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Seagram's Newspaper Scorecard — A system for correcting biggest headache of national advertisers in newspapers: Position. It's tough, and it works. September, p. 58

The hot five — They're the newsmagazines. And here's a closeup of how they're doing in a year when more people than ever are eager to keep track of everything. October, p. 53

As I See It columns on Newspapers by:

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Dave Arnold — Newspaper buys at Leo Burnett have been computerized and a new language has been adopted. They're patronizing the computer. March, p. 83

John Meskil — Newspaper inserts are lauded. Examples of how to use them are presented. April, p. 78

Sandy Reisenbach — Newspapers can serve both advertisers who need mass coverage and those who need to pinpoint a narrow market segment. May, p. 100

Dan Borg — Newspapers have more data available than most buyers are aware of; The Bureau of Advertising could provide them with more than enough information. June, p. 88

Dave Arnold — The Bureau of Advertising is promoting the availability of newspaper research and also compiling and summarizing the information at hand so that it can be put to better use. July, p. 85

John Meskil — The Bureau of Advertising has completed a study on daily versus weekly newspapers in the St. Louis area. August, p. 84

Sandy Reisenbach — The prediction is made; newspapers are such a firmly entrenched medium that they will remain virtually unchanged in the years ahead. September, p. 91

Dan Borg — A whole revision in the appearance of the daily newspaper is seen if paper supply continues to be short. October, p. 82

Dave Arnold — The Newspaper Advertising Bureau made a spot check of newspapers in different parts of the country who reported the steps they were taking to conserve their newsprint supplies. November, p. 85

John Meskil — Here are some tips on how to avoid having your ad bumped in the newspapers. December, p. 79

COLUMNISTS

Columnists included four men who took turns on writing columns on Television, Radio, Magazines and Newspapers as follows:

John Meskil, senior vp-media director, Warwick, Welsh & Miller, Inc., New York.

Sanford E. Reisenbach, senior vp-media, Grey Advertising.

Daniel Borg, senior vp-director of media, Ketchum, MacLeod & Grover, New York.

Dave Arnold, associate media director in charge of administration and development, Leo Burnett Co., Chicago.

Two men alternated in writing the regular column on Business Magazines. They were:

Al Ries, president, Ries Capriello Colwell, Inc., New York.

Larry March, vp-media director, Buchen Advertising, Inc.

Every issue columnists included: **Ed Papazian**, vp-director of media at Batten, Batten, Durstine & Osborn, N.Y., and author of the Mediology column.

Joseph Ostrow, senior vp-director of communications services, Young & Rubicam.

Phil Shiffman, vp-media research, Benton & Bowles.

Columnists who shared the honors in writing about Out-of-Home Media in 1973 included:

Roger Bumstead, vp-media, Tinker, Dodge & Delano, Inc.

Karen Wright, associate media director, F. William Free & Co.

Henry Prasse, director of out-of-home media, Needham, Harper & Steers, New York.

Robert Flood, general manager, corporate outdoor advertising department, D'Arcy-MacManus.

John Hope, manager of out-of-home media, BBDO, New York.

Ted Lord, out-of-home media consultant.

New columnists in 1974 include **Mike Drexler** of Doyle Dane Bernbach, **Bob Woods** of McCann-Erickson, **Helen Johnston** of Grey, and **Bernie Guggenheim** of Campbell-Ewald.

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Outdoor — it's no automatic buy — Outdoor specialists say they have problems because most admen aren't exposed to outdoor showings. Here's what they do about it. October, p. 68

Out-of Home columns by:

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John Hope — The guys have arrived in outdoor. February, p. 82.

Roger Bumstead — A humorous version of how to make friends and business acquaintances aware of outdoor advertising as a vehicle. March, p. 68

Bob Flood — An explanation of the discount plans is the standardized poster medium are reviewed. April, p. 88

Henry Prasse — The lack of communication between outdoor plant operators and agencies after the schedule is placed leads to suspicion and confusion. May, p. 99

Ted Lord — The creative aspect of outdoor is often the most constricting one. June, p. 103

Karen Wright — Here's an explanation of why outdoor costs are rising faster than others. July, p. 84

Bob Flood — An annual critique on outdoor boards is needed. August, p. 76

Roger Bumstead — Outdoor plants could offer the same zip code information that *Time* pioneered. September, p. 88

Henry Prasse — Some outdoor plant operators are less than enthusiastic about switching their standard unit from "showings" to gross rating points. Oct. p. 94

Bob Flood — Bulletin operators should know how to go about taking good photographs of completed paint displays, getting them developed and delivered to the advertiser and/or agency before the next repaint goes up. November, p. 88

Karen Wright — The advent of the energy crisis makes it imperative that the outdoor industry establish new, acceptable research measurements and re-evaluate its pricing structure. December, p. 86

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RAB's answer man — Dick Montesano, the Radio Ad Bureau's quiz kid, has found a way to get brand managers asking for more information on radio. March, p. 60

Hottest sound around: Nostalgia radio — Music now represents 75% of all personal radio listening. So radio buyers have to know the formats. The problem is they're always changing. May, p. 51

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The closet buy — Walet Staab defends a practice that many radio time sellers decry. November, p. 150

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Dave Arnold — The value of spot radio is examined. February, p. 81

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Special Report: The cost trend — Part I, prepared by the Media Analysis Group at JWT, shows unit cost up 48% in the last 10 years. Part II, prepared by Media Decisions, shows costs due to rise another 7% in 1974. August, p. 54

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Research Under Fire: ARB and NSI defend their tv diaries — Diary critics at agencies claim older-viewer imbalance at expense of younger viewer in diaries. October, p. 72

What's left for the media researcher? The changing picture for the media research expert in agencies. November, p. 58

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January, William A. Power, advertising and sales promotion manager for Mazda Motors of America.

February, James J. Tommaney, executive vp in charge of media, broadcast and research at McCaffrey & McCall, Inc.

March, Don Osell, vp-marketing at Green Giant, Minneapolis.

April, Liener Temerlin, chief operating officer at Glenn Advertising, Dallas.

May, Douglass Alligood, manager, corporate advertising at RCA.

June, Tom Garrabrant, senior vp-media director at Norman, Craig & Kummel.

July, Dewey Yeager, advertising manager, at Nestle Company, White Plains, N.Y.

August, Nathaniel Gayster, vp-media director at Warren, Muller, Dolobowsky.

September, Henry Hayes, media director at Pepsi-Cola Company, Purchase, N.Y.

October, John Pingel, president at Ross Roy, Detroit.

November, Eugene Richmond, director of advertising at American Motors.

December, Dan Pearson, vp-media director at Post-Keyes-Gardner, Chicago.

The Roundtables in 1973

Roundtable 1: Clutter, March, pg. 43. The first in a series of MEDIA DECISIONS Roundtables on major problems facing advertising is concerned with clutter on tv. Panelists: George Polk of Alberto-Culver, Tod Moore of Katz, Bob Wheeler of Best Foods, Jim Richdale of Corinthian, Commissioner Bob Lee of the FCC and John O'Toole, moderator, of Foote, Cone & Belding.

Roundtable 2: Newspaper Preprints, April pg. 49. The burgeoning medium of newspaper preprints has caught publishers and advertisers without ground rules or value measurements. Panelists: on the buying side: Maurice Kelley Jr. of Eastern Airlines, Phyllis Stagg, then of Compton Advertising, Tom McCabe, Benton & Bowles. On the selling side: Roger Clapp of Richmond (Va.) Newspapers, Melvin Tharp, of the Columbus Dispatch, Joe Lafferty of Branham-Moloney. Co-ordinator: William Fitzhugh of Newspaper Preprint.

Roundtable 3: Advertising and Drug Abuse, June, pg. 51. The relationship of over-the-counter drug advertising and drug abuse in the U.S. remains unproven. But advertising is still either a culprit or a scapegoat for the problem. Panelists: Alvin Achenbaum of J. Walter Thompson, Jim Rupp, of The Proprietary Association, Stanley Canter, of Ogulvy & Mather, Michael Sonnenreich, of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, Richard Earle of Grey Advertising and the National Coordinating Council on Drug Education, Dr. Henry Brill of Pilgrim State Hospital and Dr. Francis Lanni of Columbia University.

Roundtable 4: New Magazines, July, pg. 51. Buyers and sellers get together to develop guidelines for the evaluation of new books. Panelists: Constantine Kazanas of Young & Rubicam, William MacFarland of Campbell Soup Co., Howard Tobias of N.W. Ayer & Son, Jack D. Rehm of Meredith Publishing Co. and George A. Hirsch of New Times magazine.

Roundtable 5: Children's tv, July, pg. 64. Advertisers and broadcasters are being pressured to reduce — even eliminate — advertising to children on tv. Panelists: Bill Claggett, moderator, of Ralston Purina, George Simko of Benton & Bowles, Peggy Charren of Action for Children's Television, George Heinemann, of NBC-TV, Jack Jacobson of Continental Broadcasting, Gerald Thain, of the FTC and Dr. Seymour Banks of Leo Burnett.

